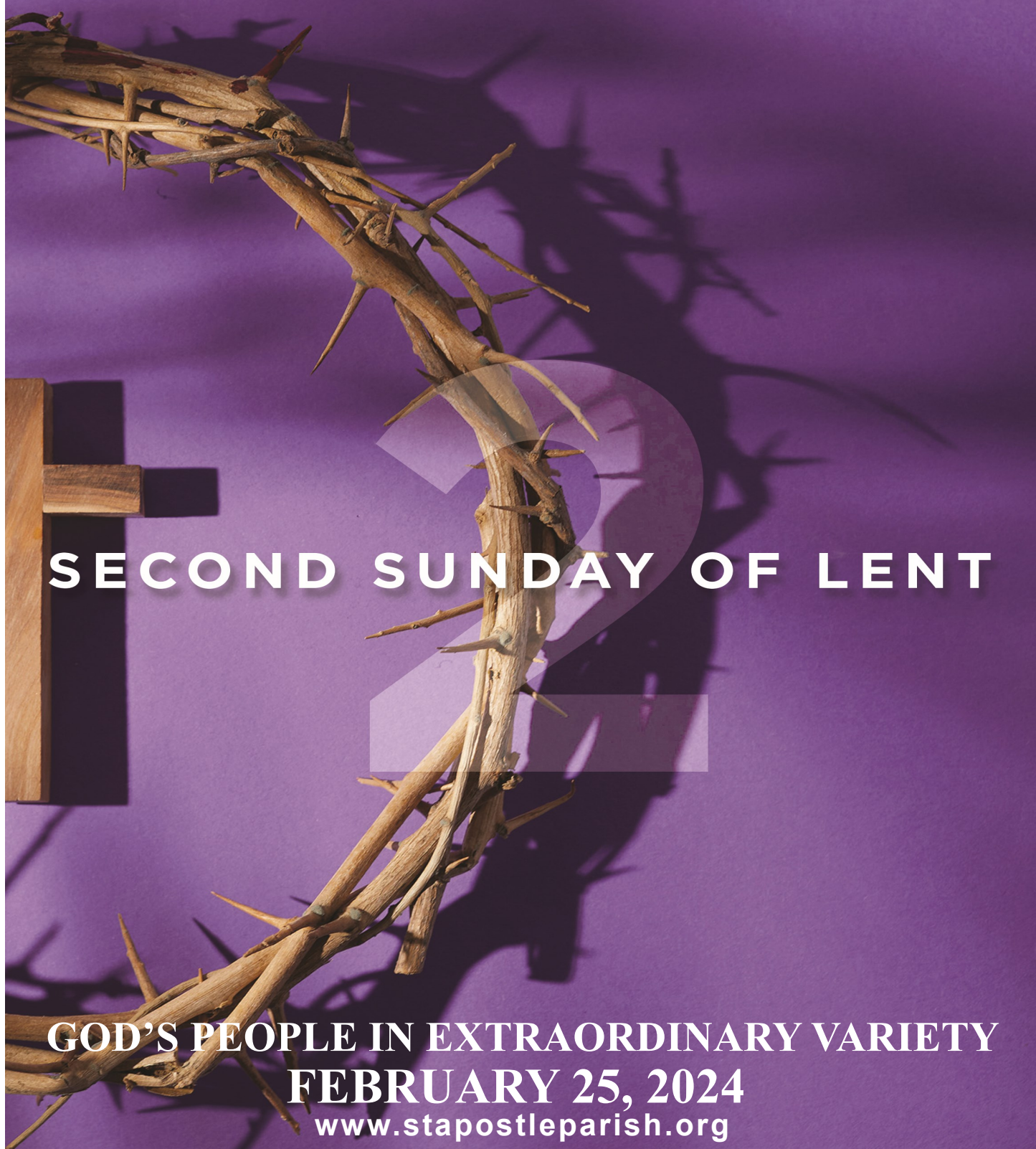


St. Thomas the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
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Welcome!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. If you have any questions about our parish, please call or email our parish office.



FROM

Timothy Johnston

THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Throughout Scripture, especially in the New Testament, we hear stories of hospitality (e.g., Genesis 18:1–15, Luke 7:44b–47a, and Romans 15:7). Certainly, Jesus reminds us that we too are called to be hospitable, especially to the poor and sinner. The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines hospitality “as the art or practice of being hospitable; the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers with liberality and good will.” The word hospitality is derived from the Latin word *hospes*, which means host, guest, or stranger, and since the Second Vatican Council, this term and its implications in Catholic parishes has flourished. New ministries of hospitality, like ushers and greeters, took form. New principles of design in church architecture and environment were developed to create welcoming and hospitable spaces where the full liturgical life of a parish could be celebrated. Here at St. Thomas the Apostle, we offer “Sunday Hospitality” in the parish hall twice a month and on special occasions to welcome new parishioners and foster community among parishioners. Our ushers/greeters work to create a welcoming environment with smiles and words of kindness as parishioners and visitors cross the threshold of the church.

“In their document, *Environment and Art in Catholic Worship*, the American bishops gave strong notice to the importance of hospitality in worship.

‘As common prayer and ecclesial experience, liturgy flourishes in a climate of hospitality: a situation in which people are comfortable with one another, either knowing or being introduced to one another; a space in which people are seated together . . . [people] are participants and *not* spectators (11).’”

I love the phrase *liturgy flourishes in a climate of hospitality*. As the source and summit of our Christian life, the liturgy is the primary school in which we learn the art of hospitality and as we are sent forth from the liturgy, we take what we’ve rehearsed at the Lord’s Table and share it in the world. Each of us in some way is a minister of the loving hospitality of Christ. Why? Because in the liturgy, we have been made more and more into his sacramental body by sharing at the Eucharistic table. Upon leave-taking, the assembly is the very sacramental presence of Christ in the world, which is in much need of love. Just as Christ went to eat with Zacchaeus (Luke 19) and other sinners, we are called to *see* our neighbors and *dine* with them. Dine here of course is a metaphor for all the ways in which we are called to be ministers of hospitality in our community and in the world.

Fr. Paul Turner in *Guide for Ushers, Greeters, and Ministers of Hospitality* says:

Hospitality meant something to Jesus. It was more than a common custom. Hospitality showed respect for the visitor. It demonstrated the humility of the host. It avoided the temptation to sneer at the less fortunate or the less moral.

In concrete terms, being hospitable means learning people’s names and professions, taking care of their simplest needs, and thinking well of them, no matter what their reputation. . . . It means being aware of your own tendencies to sin, and make mistakes, so that you do not consider yourself above your guest. You can thus receive every visitor as you would receive Christ (v).

Here at St. Thomas, we strive to be a hospitable community. As part of our continued efforts to grow in this charism, a new hospitality committee has been formed. This new committee has been tasked with the responsibility of not only hosting Sunday gatherings in the parish hall, but also with developing and implementing an overall vision of hospitality in the parish so that we can be known throughout the archdiocese as a parish rooted in Christ’s hospitality. This includes recruiting and forming ushers and greeters for our liturgies and helping them develop their charisms/gifts. It includes hosting Sunday hospitality and cultivating opportunities for fellowship. In time, it will include the ways we welcome new parishioners and bless those who depart the parish for new endeavors and so much more. The committee, along the way, will also learn more about this ministry and more about our parish family. This new committee will help us evaluate our existing culture and slowly guide us to embrace a more robust culture of welcome, fellowship, joy, and compassion.

This only scratches the surface of the deep theological nuances of hospitality so stay tuned as this ministry grows from year to year.

As part of this new initiative, you and your family are invited to discern becoming a minister of hospitality (i.e., usher, greeter) once a month or once every few months. We also encourage families to discern their call to be gift bearers at Mass. If you have any interest in these two ministries, please contact me in the parish office.



Worship

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9) ♦ Romans 8:31b-34 ♦ Mark 9:2-10

✠ Erica Maria Kast, ✠ Carmen Orendain

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn6:68c) ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 ♦ John 2:13-25

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, February 26

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10 | Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 | Lk 6:36-38
Fr Robin Ryan, C.P., (Birthday Blessed)

TUESDAY, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 |
Mt 23:1-12

✠ Lina Soriano

WEDNESDAY, February 28

Readings: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 | Mt 20:17-28
Organ Donors and their Families

THURSDAY, February 29

Readings: Jer 17:5-10 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Lk 6:19-31
✠ Celerina & Anatolio Soriano

FRIDAY, March 1

Readings: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a | Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
| Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

✠ Carmen Orendain

SATURDAY, March 2

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 |
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

✠ Dr Sarah Wright

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, , Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Bonnie Brendel, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Coccaro, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Graniczy, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Maria Wooder, Joan Yedinak.

For Those Who Have Died:

Dr. Sarah Wright

Carmen Orendain, (mother of Simone & Nicole)





Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

On **Sunday, October 12, 1924**, the sun was warm and shining on that beautiful morning as His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, the Archbishop of Chicago came to Hyde Park to dedicate the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. At the time, the parish was 55 years old and was finally moving into its final home.

One hundred years later we celebrate the foresight of Msgr. Thomas Vincent Shannon and the parishioners who, through their generosity and for the glory of God, gave us this beautiful space where all of *God's People In Extraordinary Variety* feel at home.

It is our honor to invite you to join us for the 100th anniversary celebration for the dedication of our church building at our gala **The Centennial Building Ball** which will take place on **October 12, 2024** at the David Rubenstein Forum on the campus of the University of Chicago. This event will be a chance for us to gather together 100 years to-the-day to thank God for the gift of our church in the same way our forebears did a century prior and to secure our future by supporting our beautiful campus.

Please save the date and be on the lookout for early bird ticket sales.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Fr. Michael Trail, *Pastor*
Brittany McGhee & Dan Costigan,
Gala Co-Chair and Ticket Sales
Gala Co-Chair and Budget

Rolf and Carrie Barth,
Auction Item Committee Chair

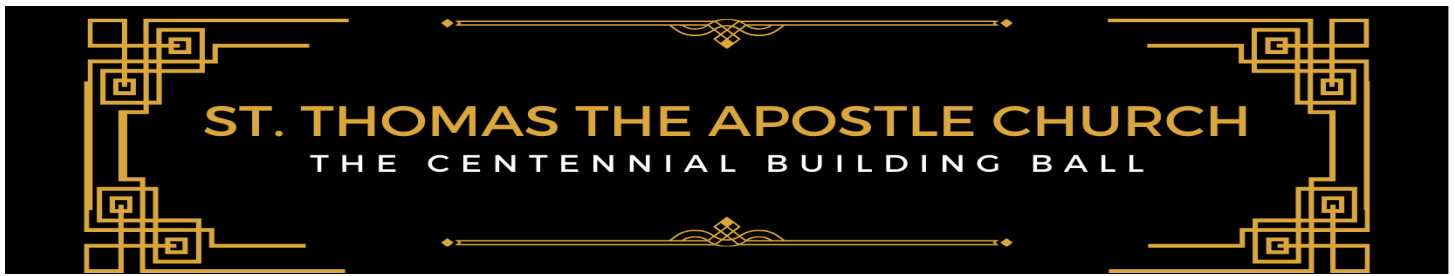
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Kianda Boyd, *Director of Marketing - St. Thomas*
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Bulletin Article for Building Fund – Sunday, February 25, 2024

Monthly Building Fund for Centennial Church Building Improvements

On the first Sunday of the month there is a special envelope in our offertory packet to raise funds for repairs and improvements to our St. Thomas the Apostle Parish complex of buildings. Your support of the Building Fund is dedicated solely for this purpose. Barring any other unforeseen issues, this year we hope to increase our stewardship to address a serious need.

As part of our efforts leading up to our 100th anniversary celebration of our beautiful church on October 12, 2024, the Centennial Church Building Committee has set a goal of raising funds to make necessary repairs to our two boilers. This has been a concern for some time, as the estimate for the repair and replacement parts totals \$100,000; \$50,000 for each boiler unit. One unit is in worse shape than the other, and there is a concern that once they are shut down after this heating season, one in particular may not operate next winter. All we have to do is think of the -10 degree and harsh windchills of last month to know that this matter needs our collective attention now.

In the coming weeks and months, you will be hearing a lot about the plans for our Centennial Church Building Ball on Saturday, October 12th. There will be opportunities to participate and support the efforts of the sub-committees, particularly for the Silent Auction and by way of special Sponsorship levels and tickets for the Ball. So that all of our parishioners have the opportunity to participate, Father Trail has approved that the Building Fund collection beginning on the first Sunday of March and for the next nine months of this year be joined to our fund-raising goal.

We know St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church here in Hyde Park as our Lord's house and our home --entrusted to us now for 100 of the 155 years of parish life. We have this inspiring space by God's grace and through the efforts and dedication of so many who came before us and who worship here today. This is our responsibility and our current challenge. Our goal is to increase everyone's participation through the monthly Building Fund beginning next weekend to raise minimally \$50,000. Beyond that first attainable goal, we will reserve the funds towards the second half of the boiler project.

Please place your monthly envelope or any envelope marked Church Building Fund in the collection basket next week. If another Sunday is better for your personal budget, or you wish to make a special offering, please do so anytime with an envelope clearly marked. You may also donate electronically through Give Central.

Thank you for your participation in addressing this critical need throughout each of the coming months of our Church Building's Centennial.

Daniel P. Costigan, 100th Church Building Anniversary Committee Co-Chair & Budget Sub-Committee
Brittany McGhee, 100th Church Building Anniversary Co-Chair & Promotions Sub-Committee



Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



I Surrender

Loving Father,
I come before you,
asking for your mercy.
May my faith be as strong
as that of Abraham.
Grant me steadfastness this Lent,
in my pursuit of a deeper prayer life.
Free me from obstacles
that keep me from you.
May I find peace in your presence.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Continued Change



Today's readings: Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18; Psalm 116:10, 15, 16–17, 18–19; Romans 8:31b–34; Mark 9:2–10. In today's Gospel, Peter, James, and John glimpse Jesus' glory as he is transfigured before them on the mountaintop. Peter, intent on staying at the site of their beatific vision of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, suggests that three tents be made. "Rabbi, it is good that we are here," he tells Jesus.

Each week we participate in a mystery as we take part in Sunday Mass. There, as the Eucharistic Prayer is prayed, the bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. But the elements of bread and wine are not all that are transformed during the liturgy. In the Eucharistic Prayer, it is also prayed that we "may become one body, one spirit in Christ." When we are especially attentive to the prayers,

songs, and gestures of the liturgy, we may say to ourselves and one another, "It is good that we are here." Transformed by the liturgy, we leave the church to bring the presence of Christ and the Word of God into the world.

Just as the apostles could not stay with Jesus on the mountaintop, the faithful cannot remain in the church. As the Second Vatican Council's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states, "The renewal in the eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and his people draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire." Our mission, as we leave the liturgy, is to testify to God's love, bringing hope to those facing difficult times. We make Christ known as we accompany others.



Worship



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, February 26 Forgiven

“Forgive and you will be forgiven,” Jesus tells his followers in today’s Gospel. As Jesus preaches mercy, he explains that the actions of others will reflect our actions. Only if we are willing to forgive will we be forgiven. During this week, consider whom you need to forgive and from whom you need to request forgiveness. *Today’s readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8–9, 11, 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, February 27 A Just, Humble Life

Both the first reading and the Gospel today give instructions on how to live. In the reading from Isaiah, the Lord instructs “to make justice your aim,” aid the orphan and widow, and right wrongs. Jesus tells his followers to live with humility. “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” When we do good things, we should not seek recognition. Today, strive to forward the kindnesses you have received. That might be done by buying coffee for a coworker, assisting a friend, or doing another’s chore. Such acts can be testimonies of God’s love. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, February 28 Distractions

Today we are reminded of what we are preparing for: Jesus’ passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. During this season we make promises of things we will sacrifice, yet sometimes we become distracted. We are being called to transform our hearts and our lives for the service of our Lord. Today sit with your family and discuss how all can remain attentive to the message of God. What are some of the distractions in your life? How can you overcome them? *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, February 29 Making Good Choices

The Gospel from Luke today presents the story of the rich man who ignored the needs of the poor man lying at his door. After death, the poor Lazarus lived in comfort while the rich man was in torment. Our daily choices can lead us to God or away from God. Consider whose needs you ignore while allowing yourself to eat your fill. *Today’s readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 1 Families

In today’s account of Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, we see an example of jealousy building among brothers until they sell Joseph to foreigners. The eleven brothers appreciated neither their father’s preferential treatment of Joseph nor their brother’s dreams and wanted to be rid of him. Are there unresolved tensions in your family that are eroding relationships? Examine whether you play a part in the harm or healing in this family dynamic. *Today’s readings: Genesis 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a; Psalm 105:16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Matthew 21:33–43, 45–46.*

Saturday, March 2 The Love of God

It is no secret the lengths to which God goes to show us his love. We know he wants to be in relationship with us, but sometimes we are reluctant. The moment we say yes to the relationship, God showers us with many blessings. The psalm tells us that God overlooks shortcomings and forgives sins. Today recite the psalm, and with each verse, pause to feel the love and presence of God. *Today’s readings: Micah 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2024



Worship

Q What is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, and what happens during this third stage of the Christian initiation process?

A The season of Lent is closely tied to the preparation of new Christians for Baptism. It coincides with the Period of Purification and Enlightenment that follows after catechumens are chosen for Baptism by the bishop and become “the elect.” Just as Lent is a kind of annual spiritual retreat for the whole Church, this period of initiation is intended to be a time of intense prayer and reflection for the elect as they prepare for their initiation at Easter.

To help the elect in this preparation, the Church celebrates the scrutinies with them on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The rites are an ancient part of the initiation process intended to liberate the elect from the power of sin, to help them resist temptation, and to give them the strength of Christ (RCIA, 141).

When these rites are celebrated, the readings from Cycle A are always proclaimed. The Gospels for these Sundays, the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:5–45), the Man Born Blind (John 9:1–41), and the Raising of

Lazarus (John 11:1–45) each tell the story of someone whose life was radically changed by an encounter with Jesus. The woman hears Jesus’ proclamation, believes it, and brings her neighbors to faith. The blind man is healed to reveal God’s works in the world and becomes a witness to Jesus’ healing power. Lazarus is raised from the dead to a new life by Jesus. Like the figures in the Gospel accounts, the elect are called to hear the Word, respond to it, be healed, and be raised to new life.

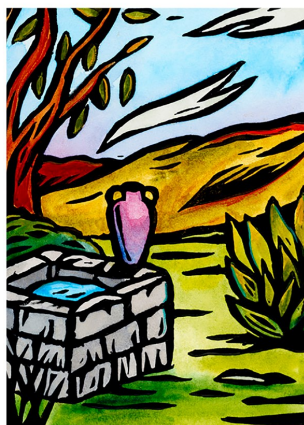
Each week of the scrutinies, the elect are asked to search themselves and to repent so that they can be healed and strengthened. The assembled faithful are encouraged to

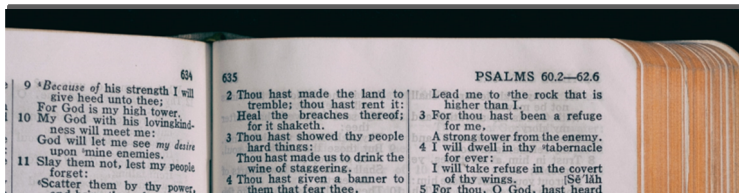
pray for the elect and also draw strength from the rite for themselves. Each scrutiny ends with an exorcism, a prayer in which the Church asks that the elect be freed from evil and brought to salvation.

During the Third Week of Lent, the elect may be presented with the Creed, and during the Fifth Week, with the Lord’s Prayer. They are asked to memorize them—the Church’s most central belief and its most treasured prayer—since they will recite them publicly when they are baptized. When those preparing for baptism are dismissed from the Sunday Mass, they do not take part in three central actions of the Christian faith: professing the Creed, interceding for the world in the Universal Prayer, and celebrating the Eucharist. The gift of the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer prepares the elect to begin to take part in these duties of all the Christian faithful.

Finally, on Holy Saturday, the day leading up to their Baptism, Confirmation, and first Eucharist, the elect are asked to spend the day in prayer and reflection, observing the Paschal fast. They may gather at the church in the morning for the optional preparation rites: the presentation of the Lord’s Prayer if it has been deferred, the recitation of the Creed, given earlier in Lent, and the *ephphetha* rite, in which the celebrant prays over their ears and mouth, so that in Baptism they might “be opened” (the meaning of *ephphetha*) to hear God’s Word and to proclaim it. They may also choose a new name for their Baptism at this time. After these rites, the elect are blessed and dismissed until the great Vigil of Easter begins in the night.

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Faith FORMATION

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

The Assurance of Faith

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
(Mark 9: 5)

Genesis 22: 1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18

The Testing of Abraham

Romans 8: 31b–34

God's Love for Humanity

Mark 9: 2–10

Jesus Transfigured



ADULTS: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

CHILDREN: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY THEME

JESUS THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR

Our entire liturgical year is based on the life of Christ. Advent and Lent are seasons in which we prepare to celebrate the two major feasts of Christ's life—his Incarnation and his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Christmas Time and Easter Time are the seasons in which we celebrate those mysteries. Holy Week and Triduum invites us to intentionally reflect on those events surrounding Christ's passion and death. Ordinary Time is when we journey with Christ in his public ministry, listening and watching as he proclaims the Kingdom of God.

We are called to encounter Christ throughout the year, not only when we are at Mass, but in our daily life. Lent is a time for preparing our hearts to recognize the Risen Lord. This week, open your heart to the presence of Christ in your midst. Who among your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors is reflecting the light of Christ to you?

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, March 3 and 17, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.



Fasting

EVER DISCOVER you just cannot eat? Maybe you have an exam coming up. Or you've had a death in the family. Maybe you are about to give a speech. Or it's only days before your wedding.

Emotional events in our lives can cause a physical reaction—tensing up in the stomach, making it hard even to think about food. We naturally fast as a means of preparing.

Imagine the Church, the Body of Christ, as one giant organism getting ready for the big event of the year, Easter. The emotional promise of that day is causing a physical reaction in us: it is hard to think about food when we are drawing so close to the celebration of the death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Our most common form of liturgical fasting is the hour we spend before receiving communion, abstaining from food and drink. Most of us do not think about it anymore, but it used to be a three-hour fast, and prior to that, a fast from midnight. This had the advantage of making communion the first food of the day, a real spiritual "break-fast."

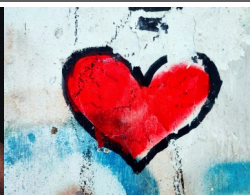
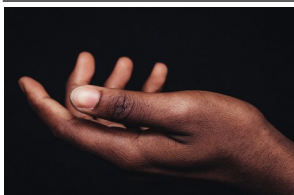
The canon and local laws regarding fasting during Lent are well publicized each year. We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and we fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

But the liturgy presumes that fasting, or some form of self-sacrifice, accompanies the Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday, the Collect asks, "that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service." The prayer of blessing over the ashes assumes that we will "follow the Lenten observances." Before blessing the palms on Passion Sunday, the presider will remind us that "since the beginning of Lent until now we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works."

Holy Saturday, not just Good Friday, implies the presence of a fast. The Church abstains from communion; it may be given only to the dying. And those preparing for Baptism "should refrain from their usual activities, spend their time in prayer and reflection, and, as far as they can, observe a fast" (RCIA, 185). We all may find that extending the fast from Good Friday through Saturday helps us celebrate Easter better.

Fasting heightens our anticipation of Easter and gives us solidarity with the world's hungry. A fast at home will give new life to the prayers we hear and the songs we sing during Lent.

Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: Devotions and Customs
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Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

February 17 & February 18

Thank you for your donations. Due to the bulletin deadline we will provide the offertory report as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission.

Thank you!

Your generosity is essential to the life of our parish family.

Leave a Legacy to Bring Hope to the World

As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by including a bequest in your will or trust for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust or please contact St. Thomas the Apostle Church or contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at **312.848.3068** or mzappa@archchicago.org.

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For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for setting up on Fridays 3:00 pm–4:30 pm and food distribution on Saturdays 9:30 am–1:30 pm. For further information and to sign up, please contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129

The Knights of Columbus invites all the join them for the praying of the rosary every Friday immediately following the 8am mass.



All are welcome!

Please contact Allen Hawkins, 630-945-4133 for more details.

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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Paula Jones, director of parish operations, ext. 109

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER? Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC? Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School? Email marketing@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.